



Regional District of Central Kootenay
CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2025
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Creston and District Community Complex - Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

8:00 a.m. PST

9:00 a.m. MST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92632670829?pwd=VkcPYOvOWnMTDNowScaJt12nFYz8zN.1>

Join by Phone:

+1 778 907 2071 Canada

Meeting ID: 926 3267 0829

Meeting Password: 430277

In-Person Location: Creston & District Community Complex - Erickson Room 312
19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at [Time] a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The agenda for the January 30, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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The January 9, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 CRESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WELCOME

10 - 11

Wendi Lengyell, from the Creston Neighbourhood Welcome has a presentation for the Committee

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 2025 SUB REGIONAL DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

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Request to discuss the 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan, including the following items:

- Service S107 Economic Development - Area A
- Service S108 Economic Development - Creston and Areas B and C
- Service S224 Recreation Facility - Creston and Areas B, C and Area A
- Service S240 Airport - Creston and Areas B, C and Area A
- Service S191 Museum and Archives - Creston and Areas B and C and Area A
- Service S193 Public Library - Creston and Areas A, B and C
- Service S152 Jaws of Life - Creston and Areas A, B and C

The 2025-2029 Draft Financial Plan to be received in Addenda.

7.2 CRESTON VALLEY TRANSIT

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The Committee Report dated November 7, 2024 from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, regarding the Creston Valley Transit, has been received.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 CRESTON VALLEY WIND TURBINE PROJECTS

Director Vandenberghe requested a conversation regarding the wind turbine projects being proposed in the Creston Valley area.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Additional information from Saara Itkonen, Director of the Creston Valley Public Library, regarding the 2025 budget, has been received.

9.2 ACTION ITEM LIST

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Item #3 - Further information for discussion on moving the service to earlier in the day, and details on ridership.

Item #8 - Discussion on proposed date for Traditional Use Study (TUS) workshop.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at _____ a.m./p.m.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at [Time].



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

8:00 a.m. PST
 9:00 a.m. MST
 Thursday, January 9, 2025
 Creston and District Community Complex – Erickson Room
 312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
J. Chirico	General Manager of Community Services
T. Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation and Client Services
C. Stanley	Manager of Recreation – Creston and District Community Complex
P. Marshall Smith	Sustainability Planner
C. LeBlanc	Community Resilience Coordinator
S. Singla	Senior Energy Specialist
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

CRESTON STAFF PRESENT

M. Moore	Creston Chief Administrative Officer
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2. CALL TO ORDER

Stuart Horn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

3. ELECTION

3.1 ELECTION OF THE CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE (CVSC) CHAIR

CAO Horn announced the nominations submitted for Director DeBoon.

The CAO called for nominations the first time.

The CAO called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

Director DeBoon was declared the Chair for the Creston Valley Services Committee for 2025 by acclamation.

4. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair DeBoon thanked the Committee for his nomination and is excited to continue the work the Committee has been doing, in the coming year.

5. COMMENCEMENT OF THE CVSC MEETING

6. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Item 10.3 Action Item List be expanded to include a presentation on Solar Panel display and be added to the agenda.

Carried

Moved and seconded,
And resolved,

The agenda for the January 9, 2025 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the inclusion of Item 10.3 Action Item List - Item #11 Solar Panel Display before circulated.

Carried

8. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The December 5, 2024 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

9. DELEGATE

9.1 DELEGATION: WYNNDL TRAIL PROJECT

Justin Vance presented the project for the Wynndel trail network located at the end of Elsie Holmes Road. Work is being carried out to create a 10-kilometer loop consisting of beginner, intermediate and more advanced trails for mountain bike enthusiasts. The first portion of beginner trails is set to open this year. Trails will be posted to Trail Forks app, as well as a soft opening to test the trails and then an Opening Event in May/June 2025.

Creston Valley Cycling Association are spear heading this project and they are looking for \$45,000 for 2025 and an additional \$45,000 for 2026 to complete the full trail network as planned.

Justin answered the Committee's questions.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That Chair Watson be granted Freedom of the Floor.

Carried

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 CRESTON VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Saara Itkonen, Director of the Creston Valley Public Library (CVPL) presented the 2025 budget to the Committee. The big piece that is driving the 2025 budget is the new collective agreement which includes retroactive wages from 2023. The Collective Agreement that was signed in April 2024 will last until the end of 2027. Community housing costs is adding to the stress of hiring new staff with competitive wages. Wages are set for the next five years.

CVPL has been looking into every opportunity for grants. CVPL Staff deals with vulnerable patrons and as such receives specialized training. CVPL also offers warming and cooling centers during operational hours.

CVPL is a participant with the Kootenay Library Federation. The Federation works cooperatively to bulk buy resources.

Computers will need to be upgraded at the library over the next 3 years.

Funding from the Provincial Government has been slowly decreasing and the Committee would like to examine the numbers on how much the funding has been reduced each year.

Saara answered the Committee's questions.

10.2 CRESTON DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE OPERATIONAL INEFFICIENCY CONCERNS

Staff have contacted the concerned citizen that wrote the letter regarding the Creston District Community Centre (CDCC), the issue seems to be centered around the timing of when programs start and opening times for CDCC. Staff is looking into the specifics of the concern to see what can be done to mitigate similar concerns in the future and work on implementing improvements.

Planning is already happening for Front desk staff to take part in Customer Service Training.

10.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

Item #3 – Staff, Creston Valley Transit and BC Transit have been working with Interior Health (IHA) Connections staff and have been unsuccessful in securing additional funding for Health Connections between Creston and Cranbrook. IHA Health Connections is being brought up to 2024 average operating rate, after funding had been frozen for the last couple of years.

There is a lot of demand for the service often at capacity or exceeding capacity, both for medical services and commercial services. Also considering our time change difference makes our situation unique, and the option of moving the schedule earlier was discussed.

Item #11 – Solar Panel software reporting was shown to the Committee, with an explanation of the breakdown in the report. The software reporting is showing a two percent savings over the year on electricity from the ninety-six solar array panels that have been installed on the roof of the CDCC. An expected savings of \$274,384 over 30 years. The Directors suggested a visual display in the lobby of the CDCC, which staff do intend to implement.

Camille LeBlanc and Sayena Singla presented the Creston Solar Project & LEGO Display. The Solar Energy Project at CDCC has been made possible by Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and their Charge Up Grant. An engaging LEGO Solar House display has been assembled with solar lights; which will be on display in the lobby of CDCC.

Item #8 – Directors would like a date for the Traditional Use Study (TUS) for next meeting.

Item #4 – Workshop on feasibility studies for recreation proposals is being held today, January 9, 2025 so this item can be crossed out on the Action Item List.

11. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:49 a.m.

A member of the public pointed out that the wrist bands at CDCC can easily identify children under the age of 8, for those that must be within arm's reach of a guardian. Which is a nice benefit of the wrist band system for those that have young children.

12. CLOSED

12.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

In the opinion of the Board - and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter – the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

90. (1) A part of a council meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to or is one or more of the following:

(e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public;

Carried

12.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 10:53 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for January 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by

Arnold DeBoon, Chair

The Town has been supportive of Creston Neighbourhood Welcome which I started last May, 2024. our head office is in Port Alberni and there are around 25 of us throughout the province, and we have recently expanded into Alberta.

It is a welcome bag service for all newcomers to the Valley. Basically my boundaries go from Yahk to Riondel. Each newcomer receives a great welcome bag with community information as well as information and gifts from approximately 40 businesses and non-profits here in our community.

We are a marketing organization that connects newcomers to local area governments and businesses. From May - December 2024 I gave out 166 packages for our Valley, not just in town limits but throughout the Valley. I found approximately 65% were under the age of 50, many with families, and 15-20% were either looking at starting new businesses or have already. It really changes the dynamics of our Valley and is very exciting how it will change the Valley.

All businesses in the bags do pay on a per bag basis, based on the number of bags per month (maximum 30 per month) and how many employees the businesses have. I would suggest lumping all 3 areas (RDCK A, B & C) together as well as the Recreation Complex. We can have as many items as you would like to have in the bags. For RDCK, encompassing all areas the price would be the same as the Town of Creston at \$4.50 per bag.

For this you get several advantages. These being, putting promotional areas information in the bags - I'd suggest a letter of welcome from each director as well as anything from the Recreation Complex, such as their activities guide, and potentially something like come in and try our recreation complex for a free skate or swim to entice newcomers to utilize your facilities from the start of their residence. Also social media presence such as a welcome on my Facebook page (Creston Neighbourhood Welcome) and then any Facebook posts you post I would share with my network. One of the most popular benefits is at the end of each month you would receive contact names and how to contact each of the newcomers I have welcomed that month. They sign a short form allowing for this. Then you can followup either thru the Recreation Complex or individual areas that they live in. I have welcomed people from Yahk to Crawford Bay this year.

I am on Facebook regularly, as well as in the Creston Valley Advance, twice monthly, at the Farmers Market once per month, hopefully going to twice per month this summer, have Welcome postcards at all participating businesses and posters up all over town.

During the winter, to my surprise I have been welcoming around 15 newcomers per month and during summer months 30. You would never be billed for more than 30 per month so appropriate budgeting would be in place.

I am more than happy to bring a sample bag to you to see what is all in it at your convenience or to meet with you in person if you like. I have attached an information sheet for your referral.



NEIGHBOURHOOD WELCOME PROGRAM

Brought to you by "Neighbourhood Welcome PR Corp."

The Neighbourhood Welcome Program provides a free greeting for the new residents in the community. The new resident is presented with a package of community information, certificates, and information from local businesses.

Our mission at Neighbourhood Welcome PR Corp is to be the bridge that connects the new resident to their new local business community.

YOUR BUSINESS IN THE PACKAGE: The new resident is given a business directory and your business information to welcome them to visit your business. We exclusively represent each business in the program, and each business is exclusive to their category for their type of business.

EACH BUSINESS PROVIDES: information of the services/ product you offer, gift certificate to invite them to your place of business and/or a sample (when available).

EACH PARTNER RECEIVES:

- Exclusivity in the directory and their business information included in the package.
- Personal recommendation and representation from the Neighbourhood Welcome Program Rep.
- Monthly reports with detailed information on who received their business representation during the month, with the ability to follow up via email, telephone or by email.
- Social media promotions on Neighbourhood Welcome page.

PARTNERSHIP RATES: Rate per package \$ (ask for exact rate)

PARTNERSHIP DETAILS:

CANCELLATION: Neighbourhood Welcome program contracts are ongoing monthly and require 30 days written notice to cancel.

BILLING: Partners are billed each month (via email unless stated otherwise) based on the volume of packages.

Your local representative: _____

Phone # _____

2025 Draft Financial Plan

S107 Economic Development-Area A

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Nov	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
41010	Requisitions	40,000	40,000	64,865	
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	
43025	Grants - Specified	113,394	513,000	193,000	ES Connectivity
49100	Prior Year Surplus	6,226	6,200	(13,225)	operating
Total Income		159,620	559,200	244,640	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Nov	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
51010	Salaries	0	1,000	900	
51030	Benefits	0	120	200	
52010	Travel	0	0	0	
53050	Insurance	459	500	525	
54030	Contracted Services	25,560	25,560	25,560	EAP. Draft
55060	Rentals	0	200	200	
57010	Grants	17,642	16,831	17,200	IK
59500	Transfer to Other Service	3,210	0	5,000	PM Fees
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	1,989	1,989	2,055	
60000	Capital Expenditures	283,418	513,000	193,000	Left on East Shore Connectivity
Total Expenses		332,278	559,200	244,640	

Total Service	(172,658)	0	0
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2025 Draft Financial Plan

S107 Economic Development-Area A

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
41010	Requisitions	40,000	40,000	64,865	45,597	45,655	45,714	45,775
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
43025	Grants - Specified	113,394	513,000	193,000	0	0	0	0
49100	Prior Year Surplus	6,226	6,200	(13,225)	0	0	0	0
Total Income		159,620	559,200	244,640	45,597	45,655	45,714	45,775

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
51010	Salaries	0	1,000	900	0	0	0	0
51030	Benefits	0	120	200	0	0	0	0
52010	Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
53050	Insurance	459	500	525	541	557	574	591
54030	Contracted Services	25,560	25,560	25,560	25,560	25,560	25,560	25,560
55060	Rentals	0	200	200	200	200	200	200
57010	Grants	17,642	16,831	17,200	17,200	17,200	17,200	17,200
59500	Transfer to Other Service	3,210	0	5,000	0	0	0	0
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	1,989	1,989	2,055	2,096	2,138	2,181	2,224
60000	Capital Expenditures	283,418	513,000	193,000	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses		332,278	559,200	244,640	45,597	45,655	45,714	45,775
Total Service		(172,658)	0	0	0	0	(0)	(0)

2025 Draft Financial Plan

S107 Economic Development-Area A
CAP1441 EDC-A - Fibre Optic Lines Installation - Kaslo InfoNet Society

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
43025	Grants - Specified	113,394	513,000	193,000	ES Connectivity
	Prior Year Surplus	13,047		(10,140)	PM Fees - rest of deficit covered by grant
Total Income		126,441	513,000	182,860	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
59500	Transfer to Other Service	3,210	0	5,000	PM Fees
60000	Capital Expenditures	283,418	513,000	193,000	Left on East Shore Connectivity
Total Expenses		286,628	513,000	198,000	

Total Service	(160,186)	0	(15,140)
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2025 Draft Financial Plan

S107 Economic Development-Area A
OPR165 Economic Development - Electoral Area A
INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
41010	Requisitions	40,000	40,000	64,865	
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	0	0	
43025	Grants - Specified	0	0	0	
49100	Prior Year Surplus	678	6,200	(3,085)	Includes Salaries/Benefits from 2024 and IK not billed.
Total Income		40,678	46,200	61,780	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
51010	Salaries	0	1,000	900	
51030	Benefits	0	120	200	
52010	Travel	0	0	0	
53050	Insurance	459	500	525	
54030	Contracted Services	25,560	25,560	25,560	EAP. Draft
55060	Rentals	0	200	200	
57010	Grants	17,642	16,831	17,200	Grant allocation along with IK
59500	Transfer to Other Service	0	0	0	
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	1,989	1,989	2,055	
Total Expenses		45,650	46,200	46,640	

Total Service		(4,972)	0	15,140	this surplus is used to pay the PM fees in CAP1441
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2025 Draft Financial Plan

S107 Economic Development-Area A
OPR601 ADM Moving Ahead in Area A Project

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
49100	Prior Year Surplus	(7,500)	0	0	
Total Income		(7,500)	0	0	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
Total Service		(7,500)	0	0	

2025 Draft Financial Plan

S108 Economic Development-Creston and Areas B and C

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
41010	Requisitions	315,935	315,935	299,479	
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	103	0	
43025	Grants - Specified	28,133	23,768	18,750	Only budget for base funding. Wage subsidies applied for annually
43505	External Contributions & Contracts - Specified	22,031	0	27,799	ToC
49100	Prior Year Surplus	201,716	160,000	155,000	
Total Income		567,814	499,806	501,028	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
51010	Salaries	97,844	90,000	114,595	Visitors Centre and Physician Recruitment
51020	Overtime	0	400	400	
51030	Benefits	25,259	20,910	26,332	Visitors Centre and Physician Recruitment
52010	Travel	0	416	400	
52020	Education & Training	0	832	849	
52030	Memberships, Dues & Subscriptions	0	300	300	
53020	Admin, Office Supplies & Postage	443	1,500	1,000	
53030	Communication	947	1,624	1,200	
53040	Advertising	0	2,601	2,653	Could be reduced. Looking into why 0 in 2024
53050	Insurance	905	1,070	1,090	
53060	Bank Charges	0	50	50	
54030	Contracted Services	97,038	115,000	96,000	EAP. Draft, Canada Day removed.
55020	Operating Supplies	0	260	265	
55030	Equipment	0	2,500	2,500	Spen
55060	Rentals	18,049	30,300	30,300	Visitors Centre Rent to ToC
57010	Grants	109,550	114,550	114,550	Held for CVTS
59100	Accumulated Operating Surplus	0	72,902	62,607	Smoothing out surplus to manage taxation.
59500	Transfer to Other Service	0	21,581	22,293	

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	13,270	13,270	13,708	
59520	Transfer to Other Service - IT Fee	9,740	9,740	9,935	
Total Expenses		373,046	499,806	501,028	

Total Service	194,768	(0)	0
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2025 Draft Financial Plan

S108 Economic Development-Creston and Areas B and C

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
41010	Requisitions	315,935	315,935	299,479	364,875	386,997	392,418	412,947
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	103	0	0	0	0	0
43025	Grants - Specified	28,133	23,768	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750	18,750
43505	External Contributions & Contracts - Specified	22,031	0	27,799	28,355	28,922	29,501	30,091
49100	Prior Year Surplus	201,716	160,000	155,000	62,207	30,000	15,000	0
Total Income		567,814	499,806	501,028	474,187	464,669	455,669	461,788

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
51010	Salaries	97,844	90,000	114,595	116,887	119,225	121,609	124,041
51020	Overtime	0	400	400	400	0	0	0
51030	Benefits	25,259	20,910	26,332	26,859	27,396	27,944	28,503
52010	Travel	0	416	400	408	416	424	433
52020	Education & Training	0	832	849	866	883	901	919
52030	Memberships, Dues & Subscriptions	0	300	300	300	300	300	300
53020	Admin, Office Supplies & Postage	443	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
53030	Communication	947	1,624	1,200	1,224	1,248	1,273	1,299
53040	Advertising	0	2,601	2,653	2,706	2,760	2,815	2,872
53050	Insurance	905	1,070	1,090	1,112	1,134	1,157	1,180
53060	Bank Charges	0	50	50	50	50	50	50
54030	Contracted Services	97,038	115,000	96,000	97,900	99,838	101,815	103,831
55020	Operating Supplies	0	260	265	271	276	282	287
55030	Equipment	0	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
55060	Rentals	18,049	30,300	30,300	30,300	30,300	30,300	30,300
57010	Grants	109,550	114,550	114,550	114,550	114,550	114,550	114,550
59100	Accumulated Operating Surplus	0	72,902	62,607	30,000	15,000	0	0
59500	Transfer to Other Service	0	21,581	22,293	22,739	23,194	23,658	24,131

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget	2029 Budget
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	13,270	13,270	13,708	13,982	14,262	14,547	14,838
59520	Transfer to Other Service - IT Fee	9,740	9,740	9,935	10,133	10,336	10,543	10,754
Total Expenses		373,046	499,806	501,028	474,187	464,669	455,668	461,788
Total Service		194,768	(0)	0	(0)	0	0	(0)

2025 Draft Financial Plan

S108 Economic Development-Creston and Areas B and C
OPR166 CRE Economic Development - Town of Creston, Areas B, and C
INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
41010	Requisitions	315,935	315,935	299,479	
41020	Grants in lieu of Taxes	0	103	0	
43505	External Contributions & Contracts - Specified	22,031	0	27,799	ToC
49100	Prior Year Surplus	201,716	160,000	155,000	
Total Income		539,682	476,038	482,278	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
51010	Salaries	18,624	0	22,795	
51030	Benefits	4,052	0	5,004	
53050	Insurance	862	1,020	1,040	
57010	Grants	109,550	114,550	114,550	Physician and CVTS
59100	Accumulated Operating Surplus	0	72,902	62,607	
59510	Transfer to Other Service - General Admin. Fee	13,270	13,270	13,708	
59520	Transfer to Other Service - IT Fee	9,740	9,740	9,935	
Total Expenses		156,099	211,482	229,639	

Total Service	383,583	264,556	252,639
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2025 Draft Financial Plan

S108 Economic Development-Creston and Areas B and C
OPR497 CRE Creston Valley Visitors Centre - Operations

INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
43025	Grants - Specified	28,133	23,768	18,750	Only budget for base funding. Wage subsidies applied for annually
Total Income		28,133	23,768	18,750	

EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
51010	Salaries	79,220	90,000	91,800	
51020	Overtime	0	400	400	
51030	Benefits	21,207	20,910	21,328	
52010	Travel	0	416	400	
52020	Education & Training	0	832	849	
52030	Memberships, Dues & Subscriptions	0	300	300	
53020	Admin, Office Supplies & Postage	443	1,500	1,000	
53030	Communication	947	1,624	1,200	
53040	Advertising	0	2,601	2,653	
53050	Insurance	43	50	50	
53060	Bank Charges	0	50	50	
54030	Contracted Services	2,598	10,000	1,000	
55020	Operating Supplies	0	260	265	
55030	Equipment	0	2,500	2,500	
55060	Rentals	18,049	30,300	30,300	Visitors Centre Rent to ToC
57010	Grants	0	0	0	
59500	Transfer to Other Service	0	21,581	22,293	Management fee to S224
Total Expenses		122,507	183,324	176,388	

Total Service	(94,375)	(159,556)	(157,638)
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2025 Draft Financial Plan

S108 Economic Development-Creston and Areas B and C
OPR585 CRV Economic Action Plan
INCOME

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
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EXPENSES

Account	Description	2024 To Date	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	Note
54030	Contracted Services	94,440	105,000	95,000	EAP. Draft, Canada Day removed.
Total Expenses		94,440	105,000	95,000	

Total Service	(94,440)	(105,000)	(95,000)
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Creston Valley Services Committee Report

Date of Report: October 29th, 2024
Date & Type of Meeting: November 7th, 2024
Author: Tom Dool, Research Analyst
Subject: Creston Valley Transit
File:
Electoral Area/Municipality: Areas A, B, C, and The Town of Creston

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide the members of the Committee with consideration of the 2025 Financial Plan for Creston Valley Transit Service S234

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

2025 5 Year Financial Plan Update

At the January 20th, 2022, Open Board the Board resolved that (53/22)

That the Board adopt the 2021 Creston Valley BC Transit Future Service Plan.

The plan contains 6 service level changes options for consideration by the Board. Working with Regional District staff BC Transit used those options to develop the preliminary Transit 3 Year Transit Expansion Proposal for Creston Valley Transit, submitted to the Creston Valley Services Committee in June 2023.

At the recommendation of the Creston Valley Services Committee the Board, at the June Open Board Meeting, resolved that (372/23)

That the Board request BC Transit pursue detailed costing and inclusion of the following service options in the BC Transit 3 Year Transit Expansion Proposal for Creston Valley Transit:

1. *In 2023/24, 1 additional vehicle and 316 additional custom/on-demand service hours.*
2. *In 2024/25, 1 additional vehicle and 700 additional custom/on-demand service hours. 300 additional service hours for the Wyndell route.*
3. *In 2025/26, 1 additional vehicle and 700 additional hours for service expansion on the East Shore.*

BC Transit finalized the costing for the approved service level options and presented those costs and annual operating hours for consideration to the Creston Valley Services Committee. The cost and hours detailed in Year 1 one of the MOU represented a firm commitment while those Year 2 and 3 priorities were for planning purposes.

At the September 2023 Open Board Meeting the Board resolved (551/23)

That the Board authorize the Corporate Officer to sign the Creston Valley Transit three (3) Year Transit Expansion Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with BC Transit for the purpose of confirming transit service expansion plans for 2024/25 and to approve transit expansion priorities for the subsequent two years; AND FURTHER, that the costs associated with MOU be included the 5 Year Financial Plan.

A shortfall in the 2024/25 Provincial Operating Grant for BC Transit resulted in BC Transit being unable to grant the proposed expansion requests. Operating hours were increased from 6800 to 6950 or by 4% annually to improve local transit timing but there was no substantive service expansion or increases to fleet.

In November of 2024 staff received transit operating contract cost estimates from BC Transit for the operation of the Creston Valley Transit System for 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28. The proposed costs do not include increases associated with proposed service expansion.

Figure 1. Transit Contract Operating Cost Estimates

Participant	2024-25 (Base)	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
Regional District	\$296,407	\$328,586 (11%)	\$354,105 (7.8%)	\$380,961 (7.6%)

In 2025-6 the net municipal share of operating costs is anticipated to increase by \$32,179 (11%). These cost increases are associated with a 12% increase in operating costs, a 13% maintenance, and 10% increase in infrastructure costs. These costs can be attributed to the approved 150 additional hours of operation and operating contract renewal costs (wages).

Cost increases in 2026-27 and 2027-28 are driven by fleet updates including new on-board IT systems and dispatch management solutions which will improve on-demand/on-response ridership experiences.

The impact of these cost increases on service participants is in the financial considerations' component of this report.

Transit Service Expansion Planning

The Local Government Share of Transit Operating Costs for 2025-26, \$328,586, is based on current service levels. These service levels will persist until 2026-27. Service level changes agreed to in the spring of 2025-26 could be implemented in the late fall of 2026-27.

Staff are currently preparing for conversations with BC Transit regarding transit service expansions in 2026-27.

The Three-Year Transit Improvement Proposal for 2024-25 included the following proposed service level changes for 2026/27 and 2027/28. If the Committee chooses to maintain the schedule of service changes below those service changes described 2026/27 move from planned commitments to firm commitments and should be included in the 5-year financial plan for the service as additional costs in 2026 and 2027.

Figure 2. Current Proposed Service Expansions and Costs

Option	Year	Initiative	Vehicles Req	Estimated Annual Cost
1	2026/27	1000 Additional Custom Transit Hours	2	\$81,200
2	2027/28	300 Service Hours for Wynndel	1	\$29,800
3	2027/28	700 Service Hours to Introduce service between East Shore and Creston.	1	\$49,800

Figure 3. Expansion Impacts on Requisition Amounts describe the changes to the annual requisition of the service resulting from proposed expansions. The costs associated with Service Option 1 in Figure 2 would be distributed based on transit opportunities and would reflect the current apportionment of service costs. The costs associated with service options 2 & 3 would be borne by Electoral Area A. Figure 4 describes a redistribution of costs and their potential fiscal impact.

Figure 3. Expansion Impacts on Requisition Amounts

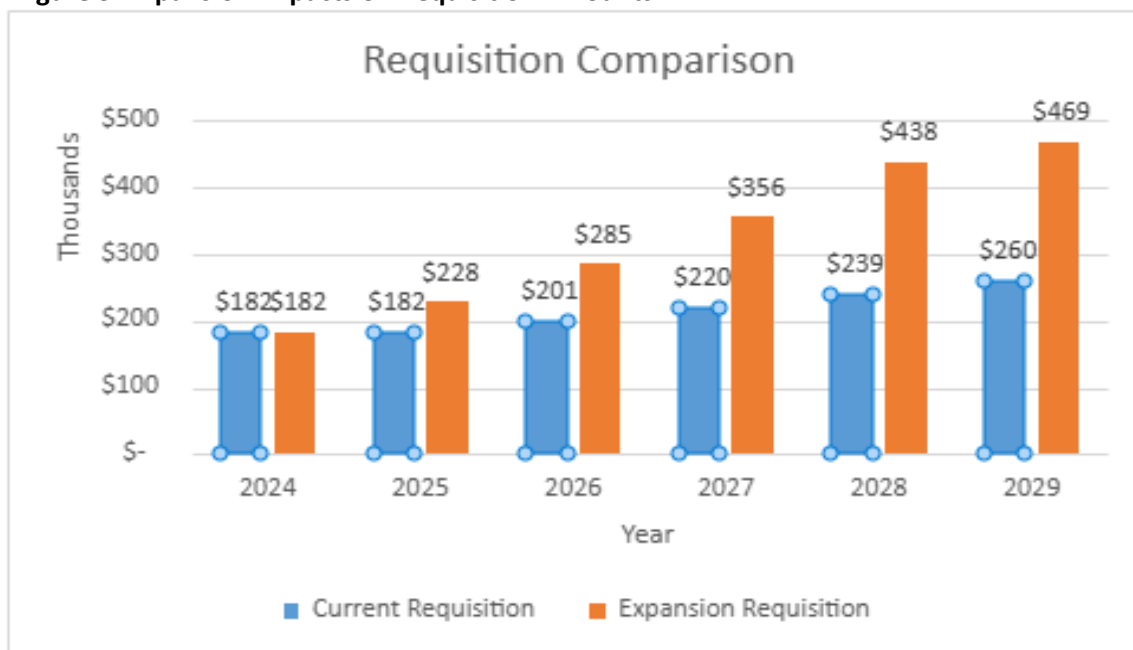
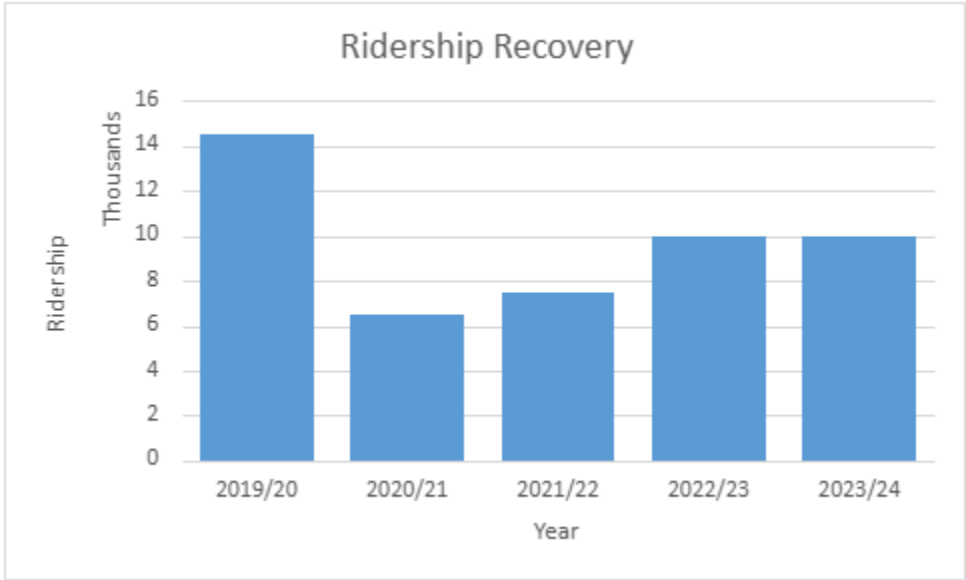


Figure 4. Changes to Apportionment and Impacts on Requisitions

Participant	2024		2029	
	%	\$	%	\$
Creston	60%	\$(109,617)	49%	\$(231,674)
A	5%	\$(8,572)	20%	\$(94,928)
B	28%	\$(51,252)	23%	\$(108,351)
C	7%	\$(12,950)	7%	\$(33,884)

Figure 5 below describes transit ridership levels from 2019/20 to 2023/24. As noted below ridership has not yet recovered to pre-COVID levels. As of 2023/24 recovery has paused at about 66% of pre-COVID ridership. Staff do not currently have data to study the impacts of the 4% increase in operating hours introduced in 2024. It is uncertain whether the proposed increase of 1000 additional service hours will produce a return on investment in corresponding ridership.

Figure 5. Post COVID Ridership Recovery



Based on the projected cost increases to current transit service levels, uncertainty around the full cost of future expansions, and current trends in ridership recovery staff do not recommend the Committee consider the proposed service expansion options for 2025 or 2026 or their incorporation into the 5 Year financial plan at this time.

SECTION 3: DETAILED ANALYSIS

3.1 Financial Considerations – Cost and Resource Allocations:

Included in Financial Plan: ☐ Yes ☐ No Financial Plan Amendment: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Debt Bylaw Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No Public/Gov't Approvals Required: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Figure 6. Proposed 2025-29 5 Year Financial Plan for Service S234 Creston Valley Transit.

Account	Requisition Increase:					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Requisitions	\$(182,391)	\$(200,630)	\$(219,690)	\$(239,462)	\$(259,816)	\$(280,602)
User Fees	\$(15,039)	\$(16,500)	\$(22,275)	\$(22,721)	\$(23,175)	\$(23,638)
Grants	\$(99,943)	\$(99,944)	\$(103,442)	\$(107,062)	\$(110,809)	\$(114,688)
Transfer from Reserves	\$(12,402)	\$(17,856)	\$(17,101)	\$(20,192)	\$(14,770)	\$(9,727)
Prior Year Surplus	\$(21,066)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies & Postage	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350
Insurance	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300
Contracted Services	\$316,759	\$320,541	\$347,726	\$374,247	\$392,960	\$412,608
Repairs & Maintenance	\$2,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Contribution to Reserve	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
General Admin. Fee	\$10,932	\$11,239	\$11,632	\$12,039	\$12,461	\$12,897
Total	\$0	\$0	\$(0)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Staff have proposed using current reserves to address estimated contract lifts in 2025, 2026, and 2027 to reduce immediate taxation impacts.

Figure 7. Apportionment of Creston Valley Transit Service Costs as Per Current Bylaw

Participant	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Creston	60.1%	58.8%	58.8%	58.8%	58.8%	58.8%
A	4.7%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
B	28.1%	27.5%	27.5%	27.5%	27.5%	27.5%
C	7.1%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%

Figure 8. Requisition Amounts for Service Participants

Participant	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Creston	\$109,617	\$117,970	\$129,178	\$140,804	\$152,772	\$164,994
A	\$8,572	\$10,232	\$11,204	\$12,213	\$13,251	\$14,311
B	\$51,252	\$55,173	\$60,415	\$65,852	\$71,449	\$77,165
C	\$12,950	\$17,254	\$18,893	\$20,594	\$22,344	\$24,132
Total	\$182,391	\$200,630	\$219,690	\$239,462	\$259,816	\$280,602

Figure 9. Rate Per Thousand of Assessed Value for Service Participants

Participant	Assessment	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Creston	\$1,241,688,379	\$0.095	\$0.104	\$0.113	\$0.123	\$0.133
A	\$160,122,712	\$0.064	\$0.070	\$0.076	\$0.083	\$0.089
B	\$874,490,064	\$0.063	\$0.069	\$0.075	\$0.082	\$0.088

C	\$375,656,333	\$0.046	\$0.050	\$0.055	\$0.059	\$0.064
Total	\$2,651,957,488	\$0.076	\$0.083	\$0.090	\$0.098	\$0.106

Figure 10. Taxation Impact on Average Residence by Participating Area

Participant	Average Res Value	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
Creston	\$549,000	\$52	\$57	\$62	\$68	\$73
A	\$506,000	\$32	\$35	\$39	\$42	\$45
B	\$497,000	\$31	\$34	\$37	\$41	\$44
C	\$498,000	\$23	\$25	\$27	\$30	\$32
Average	\$512,500	\$39	\$42	\$46	\$50	\$54

3.2 Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws):

None at this time.

3.3 Environmental Considerations

None at this time.

3.4 Social Considerations:

None at this time.

3.5 Economic Considerations:

None at this time.

3.6 Communication Considerations:

None at this time.

3.7 Staffing/Departmental Workplan Considerations:

None at this time.

3.8 Board Strategic Plan/Priorities Considerations:

Consideration given to the fiscal sustainability of Creston Valley Transit through a well-considered 5 Year Financial Plan demonstrates the Boards commitment to managing the assets of the Regional District in a fiscally responsible manner.

SECTION 4: OPTIONS' & PROS / CONS

Option 1: That the Creston Valley Services Committee approve the draft 2025 Financial Plan for Creston Valley Transit Service S234.

Option 2: That the Creston Valley Services Committee request the following changes to the proposed 2025 Financial Plan for Creston Valley Transit Service S234 prior to approval...

SECTION 5: RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Creston Valley Services Committee approve the draft 2025 Financial Plan for Creston Valley Transit Service S234.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Dool

CONCURRENCE

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Sheet1

Year	grant amount	amount increase/decrease	percentage increase/decrease
2010	35414	n/a	n/a
2011	58033	22619	64.00%
2012			
2013	56876	-1157	-2.00%
2014	57313	437	1.00%
2015	59574	2261	3.70%
2016	59686	112	0.10%
2017	58100	-1586	-2.70%
2018	60498	2398	3.90%
2019	61741	1243	2.00%
2020	69920	8179	11.70%
2021	66292	-3628	-5.50%
2022	93745	27453	29.30%
2023	345322	251577	72.80%
2024	77610	-267712	-77.50%

Sheet1

percentage of overall budget	CPI Index
7.40%	2
18.00%	2.9
	1.2
13.50%	1
12.70%	1.9
14.70%	1.2
14.70%	1.5
13.20%	1.6
15.00%	2.2
14.00%	2
15.90%	0.6
15.40%	4.5
18.70%	6.8
55.00%	3.9
10.00%	2.4

Location	30 Total local government support	5 Grant Population		Fund per cap	781 Total employees, FTE	821 Volunteers FTE	464 Total physical materials, titles held	3 Type of Library System	852 Do you have any LEED certified library buildings?	860 Total space/size, sq metres (all service points)	155 Salaries and benefits	210 Library facilities	890 Total hours open per year (all service points)	65 Total PLB grants
Alert Bay Public Library & Museum	\$7,000	831		\$8.42	1.3	0.4	10,465	Public Library Association	No	213.00	\$30,626	\$1,086	725	\$110,339
Greenwood Public Library	\$11,450	1,093		\$10.48	1.0	0.2	11,428	Public Library Association	No	112.00	\$37,730	\$4,897	811	\$121,483
Fort St. John Public Library Association	\$575,000	33,510		\$17.16	9.7	0.0	52,467	Public Library Association	No	720.00				\$462,808
Vanderhoof Public Library	\$135,000	7,546		\$17.89	0.0	0.0	22,163	Public Library Association	No	616.00	\$162,548	\$46,276	2,608	\$236,598
Kimberley Public Library	\$233,014	9,801		\$23.77	0.0	0.0	32,475	Municipal Library	No	511.00	\$220,996	\$23,514	850	\$254,854
Hazelton District Public Library	\$141,877	5,740		\$24.72	3.3	0.1	27,455	Public Library Association	No	329.00	\$135,984	\$6,973	1,362	\$221,140
Invermere Public Library	\$264,255	9,700		\$27.24	0.0	0.0	14,020	Municipal Library	No	316.00	\$293,219	\$9,316	2,163	\$254,104
Creston Public Library Association	\$413,212	14,194		\$29.11	0.0	0.0	33,425	Public Library Association	No	836.00	\$449,139	\$52,607	1,968	\$336,165
Dawson Creek Municipal Public Library	\$522,404	17,788		\$29.37	0.0	0.0	69,526	Municipal Library	No	1,114.84	\$428,476	\$83,540	2,076	\$370,157
Fernie Public Library	\$301,175	9,365		\$32.16	0.0	0.0	32,197	Public Library Association	No	810.00			2,092	\$252,882
Cranbrook Public Library	\$894,813	27,185		\$32.92	11.3	0.1	67,576	Municipal Library	No	1,298.00	\$784,023	\$84,071	3,037	\$419,762
Fraser Lake Public Library	\$104,136	2,998		\$34.74	2.1	0.1	23,263	Public Library Association	No	3,600.00	\$117,348	\$3,685	1,608	\$167,226
Salmo Public Library	\$97,000	2,790		\$34.77	1.8	0.7	18,972	Public Library Association	No	410.00	\$97,154	\$18,929	1,264	\$156,445
Pender Island Public Library	\$233,160	6,476		\$36.00	3.5	1.1	42,357	Public Library Association	No	789.50	\$194,017	\$55,834	2,770	\$211,211
Fraser Valley Regional Library	\$29,324,216	790,859		\$37.08	307.3	0.0	165,379	Regional Library System	No	23,880.80	\$21,224,092	\$454,900	65,934	\$3,397,280
Terrace Public Library	\$772,005	20,692		\$37.31	7.7	0.1	52,839	Public Library Association	No	1,350.00	\$687,947	\$77,248	2,610	\$393,633
Castlegar & District Public Library	\$539,817	14,462		\$37.33	5.9	0.3	76,493	Public Library Association	No	1,222.00	\$385,706	\$34,242	2,441	\$347,974
Penticton Public Library	\$1,405,303	36,885		\$38.10	15.5	0.0	87,993	Municipal Library	No	1,242.00	\$1,061,738	\$188,800	2,635	\$474,435
Surrey Public Library	\$21,661,788	568,393		\$38.11	193.9	2.8	275,621	Municipal Library	Yes	19,360.00	\$18,236,808	\$2,228,817	29,214	\$2,706,265
Elkford Public Library	\$108,784	2,749		\$39.57	2.2	0.1	25,779	Public Library Association	No	358.00	\$118,720	\$2,825	1,427	\$155,125
Salt Spring Island Public Library	\$465,850	11,635		\$40.04	6.3	5.4	56,706	Public Library Association	No	1,178.00	\$396,720	\$109,916	1,995	\$320,753
Houston Public Library	\$124,440	3,052		\$40.77	0.0	0.0	19,843	Public Library Association	No	495.00	\$121,109	\$17,711	1,681	\$173,344
Nakusp Public Library	\$100,722	2,410		\$41.79	2.2	0.2	23,045	Public Library Association	No	279.00	\$102,797	\$27,028	1,248	\$153,570
Nelson Municipal Library	\$855,461	20,267		\$42.21	8.9	0.3	36,837	Municipal Library	No	1,200.00	\$741,322	\$64,977	2,490	\$384,761
Cariboo Regional District Library System	\$2,667,815	62,916		\$42.40	24.7	0.1	165,961	Integrated Library System	No	3,991.00	\$2,272,164	\$248,400	13,060	\$1,508,110
Coquitlam Public Library	\$6,438,880	148,680		\$43.31	53.3	0.0	105,331	Municipal Library	No	5,417.00	\$4,797,529	\$388,050	18,639	\$814,725
Prince George Public Library	\$4,127,052	90,378		\$45.66	0.0	0.0	120,777	Municipal Library	No	3,838.00	\$3,387,266	\$209,320	4,894	\$647,727
Beaver Valley Public Library	\$218,438	4,595		\$47.54	0.0	0.0	24,469	Public Library Association	No	270.00	\$172,160	\$30,909	2,213	\$192,481
Sparwood Public Library	\$243,636	5,086		\$47.90	0.0	0.0	22,492	Public Library Association	No	433.00	\$164,998	\$50,689	1,079	\$205,427
Smithers Public Library	\$378,105	7,783		\$48.58	4.4	0.0	30,032	Municipal Library	No	1,280.00	\$360,172	\$41,254	1,673	\$249,663
Sechelt Public Library	\$948,257	19,361		\$48.98	0.0	0.0	48,182	Public Library Association	No	524.00	\$796,245	\$28,625	2,004	\$372,960
Thompson-Nicola Regional District Librar	\$7,054,381	143,649		\$49.11	16.0	0.0	139,067	Integrated Library System	Yes	7,242.00	\$4,389,362	\$1,106,338	18,768	\$1,684,510
Burns Lake Public Library	\$277,000	5,624		\$49.25	0.0	0.0	46,584	Public Library Association	No	684.00	\$271,932	\$19,754	1,793	\$220,411
Kaslo & District Public Library	\$118,100	2,321		\$50.88	1.9	0.3	15,425	Public Library Association	No	178.00	\$112,883	\$12,706	1,520	\$148,429
Grand Forks & District Public Library	\$456,875	8,965		\$50.96	5.7	0.0	23,609	Public Library Association	No	540.00	\$392,161	\$69,731	1,988	\$246,149
Richmond Public Library	\$10,845,550	209,937		\$51.66	92.8	0.0	134,263	Municipal Library	No	6,480.73	\$8,162,537	\$647,641	14,729	\$1,026,564
BC Libraries Branch				\$55.20						236,297.35				
Greater Victoria Public Library	\$19,577,396	352,488		\$55.54	190.0	0.0	262,250	Municipal Library	Yes	13,652.00	\$14,551,480	\$1,144,677	29,931	\$2,129,703
Port Moody Public Library	\$1,916,192	33,535		\$57.14	19.6	0.0	78,489	Municipal Library	No	1,161.00	\$1,794,233	\$10,642	3,549	\$447,904
Vancouver Island Regional Library	\$27,501,776	476,625		\$57.70	238.4	0.0	233,165	Regional Library System	No	16,802.59	\$17,762,253	\$3,849,437	1,534,810	\$2,936,842
Pouce Coupe Public Library	\$45,000	762		\$59.06	1.6	0.1	29,629	Municipal Library	No	260.00	\$84,208	\$13,091	1,554	\$106,430
Gibsons & District Public Library	\$758,519	12,810		\$59.21	0.0	0.0	33,748	Public Library Association	No	2,088.00	\$682,019	\$83,458	2,207	\$333,115
Prince Rupert Library	\$819,222	13,826		\$59.25	0.0	0.0	59,354	Municipal Library	No	1,115.00	\$754,556	\$95,752	2,721	\$357,990
Taylor Public Library	\$79,002	1,317		\$59.99	1.3	0.0	43,902	Municipal Library	No	1,664.00	\$87,492	\$6,238	1,083	\$128,959
New Westminster Public Library	\$4,746,015	78,916		\$60.14	32.2	0.2	139,833	Municipal Library	Yes	3,800.00	\$3,133,546	\$216,392	5,154	\$569,302
Trail & District Public Library	\$596,888	9,673		\$61.71	0.0	0.0	43,941	Municipal Library	Yes	1,579.00	\$526,342	\$29,062	2,512	\$260,524
Pemberton & District Public Library	\$427,149	6,899		\$61.91	4.7	0.1	19,831	Public Library Association	No	375.00	\$299,732	\$74,697	2,431	\$219,298
Radium Hot Springs Public Library	\$127,203	2,001		\$63.57	2.2	0.2	9,376	Municipal Library	No	1,055.00	\$112,107	\$25,316	1,400	\$140,196

Squamish Public Library	\$1,670,150	24,862		\$67.18	12.7	0.0	45,713	Municipal Library	No	1,115.00	\$1,292,532	\$131,922	1,840	\$406,003
Burnaby Public Library	\$16,756,914	249,125		\$67.26	0.0	0.0	0	Municipal Library	Yes	9,579.00	\$13,673,704	\$12,129	11,978	\$1,188,801
Powell River Public Library	\$1,421,838	20,998		\$67.71	11.6	0.1	54,271	Municipal Library	No	1,619.30	\$862,738	\$315,871	2,894	\$387,399
Fort St. James Centennial Library	\$293,068	4,086		\$71.72	0.0	0.0	18,560	Public Library Association	No	372.00	\$230,025	\$33,525	1,557	\$184,965
Fort Nelson Public Library	\$348,584	4,478		\$77.84	0.0	0.0	36,937	Public Library Association	No	960.06	\$263,680	\$42,720	2,338	\$197,041
Kitimat Public Library Association	\$663,172	8,236		\$80.52	5.6	0.0	56,835	Public Library Association	No	10,088.00	\$499,083	\$111,600	2,380	\$251,291
Valemount Public Library	\$135,954	1,688		\$80.54	1.7	0.0	17,103	Public Library Association	No	144.00	\$96,451	\$10,421	1,614	\$141,365
Vancouver Public Library	\$56,062,179	663,894		\$84.44	0.0	0.0	0	Municipal Library	Yes	49,598.00	\$43,207,668	\$5,141,765	65,000	\$3,006,605
Mackenzie Public Library	\$289,781	3,372		\$85.94	0.0	0.0	19,871	Municipal Library	No	520.00	\$235,786	\$25,042	2,266	\$179,485
North Vancouver City Library	\$5,176,588	58,690		\$88.20	36.5	0.0	115,239	Municipal Library	Yes	3,345.00	\$3,843,604	\$275,450	3,370	\$501,625
North Vancouver District Public Library	\$8,419,203	90,646		\$92.88	59.6	0.0	150,137	Municipal Library	Yes	6,268.00	\$5,843,674	\$801,968	11,781	\$633,652
Bowen Island Public Library	\$420,554	4,256		\$98.81	4.2	0.1	13,346	Municipal Library	No	407.00	\$363,744	\$25,556	1,952	\$180,305
Chetwynd Public Library	\$512,450	4,686		\$109.36	7.0	0.1	22,352	Public Library Association	No	724.00	\$368,077	\$41,837	2,761	\$196,972
Whistler Public Library	\$1,625,037	14,504		\$112.04	16.2	0.2	34,325	Municipal Library	Yes	1,154.00	\$1,416,814	\$80,017	2,710	\$331,939
West Vancouver Memorial Library	\$5,481,923	47,021		\$116.58	46.6	0.8	174,338	Municipal Library	Yes	5,117.00	\$4,687,487	\$186,012	3,223	\$466,222
McBride & District Public Library	\$189,164	1,541		\$122.75	3.3	0.1	19,763	Public Library Association	No	460.30	\$164,955	\$19,115	1,959	\$137,381
Stewart Public Library	\$70,959	517		\$137.25	0.0	0.0	13,580	Public Library Association	No		\$70,756	\$4,009	1,170	\$93,865
Hudson's Hope Public Library	\$127,773	841		\$151.93	2.8	0.0	16,979	Public Library Association	No	230.00	\$136,442	\$4,050	1,356	\$114,091
Granisle Public Library	\$56,462	337		\$167.54	1.1	0.1	13,103	Public Library Association	No	119.00	\$58,984	\$34	960	\$84,284
Tumbler Ridge Public Library	\$406,268	2,399		\$169.35	5.9	0.0	43,915	Municipal Library	No	464.50	\$343,835	\$100	2,202	\$153,006
Lillooet Area Public Library	\$0		4,206		0.0	0.0	28,370	Public Library Association	No	1,742.00				\$195,301
Midway Public Library	\$0		651		0.0	0.0	12,525	Public Library Association	No	462.00				\$101,067
Okanagan Regional Library	\$0		411,802		157.5	0.0	243,026	Regional Library System	No	18,654.00				\$2,544,283
Rossland Public Library Association	\$0		4,140		0.0	0.0	15,940	Public Library Association	No	321.00				\$178,531

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Talking Points for Public Library Advocates: BC Election 2024

The BC Public Library Partners is the unified voice for BC's public library community to senior levels of government. It is an alliance of the Association of BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD), BC Library Association (BCLA), BC Libraries Cooperative (BCLC) and BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA).

The BC Public Library Partners are currently advocating with the Government of BC to increase annual core funding to support BC public libraries to \$30 million dollars per year.

During the B.C. General Election, BC public library advocates have the opportunity to raise awareness about underfunding of public libraries – and call on the political parties and candidates to commit to increasing provincial funding in the next government mandate.

Below are some talking points you can use when you engage with candidates in your community, whether at the doorstep, a community event, or an all-candidates' meeting.

The strength of the BC Public Library Partners is in our network – if you learn anything from your conversation with candidates, please share information back with us: ed@abcpld.ca so we can keep track of commitments and questions.

Using the “did you know?” framework for a conversation allows you to:

1. Shape their understanding of libraries in your communities
2. Define the problem
3. Offer the solution

Did you know? *(raise awareness of what libraries do in your community)*

- Did you know that public libraries:
 - make life more affordable for families because they don't charge fees for materials and programs, meaning everyone has access
 - contribute to building a strong future-facing workforce by providing skills training and access to computers and supports
 - are community hubs to integrate newcomers, connect people to services, and provide a safe place to be
 - are part of the emergency support network during climate challenges like heat domes and atmospheric rivers
 - combat social isolation, especially for seniors and unhoused neighbours
 - provide critical supports that quietly fulfill government mandates

- ***Provide one or two specific examples from your community's library, i.e, a specific program or service***

Did you know? *(define the problem)*

- Since a 25% cut in 2009, provincial funding to BC's public libraries has been largely frozen.
- BC's public libraries have had 15 years of cost increases, population growth, and increasing service demands—without sustained funding.
- Libraries benefitted from a significant one-time injection of provincial government funds in 2022-2023 to address urgent post-pandemic recovery
- But without consistent core funding, local libraries will need to reduce service, at a time when demand has never been higher.
- Libraries are overdue for a funding lift!

What I would like to see in the next government: *(offer a solution)*

- long-term, predictable core funding to help libraries meet the rising demands of their communities
- specifically, an increase to the annual core funding for libraries to \$30 million in keeping with the request made by the BC Public Library Partners and the recommendation of the province's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services;
- And that this increase in core funding be increased on a yearly basis in keeping with cost of living and inflationary pressures.

Questions for candidates:

- If elected, will you commit to increasing the provincial grant to BC's public libraries?
- What more do you need to know before making this commitment?

UBCM Resolution Request

Title: Provincial Funding for Public Libraries: Overdue

And whereas in the past 15 years, BC's population has grown 29% while public libraries have continued to rely on stagnant funding to provide services in increasingly challenging circumstances, including addressing the province's important goals of enhancing economic growth, reducing costs for families, and making communities safer;

And whereas public libraries continue to meet these goals by supporting the economic and social health of their communities, providing information and services for consumers, individuals seeking employment and career enhancement, entrepreneurs and small businesses, providing critical locations of refuge during emergencies, and supporting the process of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to recognize the evolving and challenging situation for public libraries as well as their unique role in keeping costs low for British Columbians and making communities safer, and increase the annual core provincial funding for libraries to \$30 million in keeping with the long-standing request made by the BC Public Library Partners and the recommendation of the province's Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services.

CVSC ACTION ITEMS LIST – 2024-01-09

#	ACTION ITEM	MEETING ORIGIN	STATUS
1.	STAFF DIRECTION: That the Board direct staff to prepare a draft policy for Board review that requires recipients of financial grant in aid funds to engage with local area Directors and/or provide documentation during the budget process, to be eligible for funding via taxation in a given year.	05-Jan-2023	This has fallen back in the priority list based on other work.
2	STAFF DIRECTION: Dangerous Dog Bylaw to be written to enable Staff to work sub-regionally in conjunction with RCMP to act on dangerous dogs including provisions for safe and approved housing and care of animals until their future is determined.	02-Mar-2023 03-Oct-2024	Re-written from 02-Mar-2023. This is being assessed as to whether to bring ABC to the Board before the RDCK wide bylaw to speed up the process.
3.	STAFF DIRECTION: Stuart Horn, Chief Administrative Officer – RDCK, to talk to Tom Dool, Research Analyst, about reaching out to the Hospital Boards and BC Transit with regards to transportation between Creston and Cranbrook.	04-May-2023	Staff will update the Committee at the November meeting.
4.	STAFF DIRECTION: Staff to develop a clear process for feasibility studies, for clubs/ groups submitting recreation request proposals. Example: Creston Tennis Club	04-May-2023	Nelson And District Information Circulated – Workshop happening January 9, 2025
5.	STAFF DIRECTION: Staff to create a contribution agreement with Kootenay River Secondary School where RDCK lists what the funding is for and what the expectations are for the funding. To formalize the agreement, Staff to include in the agreement what the rates are that RDCK is going to charge to receive that funding. CVSC would review the contribution agreement with Kootenay River Secondary School every year.	01-Jun-2023	Ongoing. There is funding in the 2024 budget for this agreement.
6.	STAFF NOTE: Stuart Horn, Chief Administrative Officer – RDCK advised that the ownership and maintenance of the signage is being handled by Kootenay Employment Services and the Committee will receive an update later in 2023.	06-Jul-2023 & 04-May-2023	Complete – awaiting a license of occupation for specific signage location before removing from list.
7.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff report back to the CVSC as part of the 2024 budget process to provide direction on what would be required to reinstate the grant funding to Lister and Crawford Bay cemeteries, including the release of prior years amounts being held in reserve.	07-Sep-2023	Lister – Completed Crawford Bay - Ongoing
8.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff request a workshop/session (in conjunction with a site visit for the Creston Valley Services Committee) with the Traditional Use Study (TUS) authors, the Ktunaxa Nation and Yaqan Nukiy, to educate the Committee to better understand the TUS.	09-Sept-2023	Ongoing. Staff meeting with Ktunaxa and LKB staff October 30, 2024. Will work to arrange a date for a workshop.
9.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff arrange a meeting with the RDCK and the Town of Creston to discuss internal governance regarding the Kootenay Employment Services contract.	07-Mar-2024	
10.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff work with library to develop a policy around the capital reserve and investment	07-Mar-2024	Ongoing

	amounts to establish how the reserved funding is being spent.		
11.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff update the Committee on the Solar Panels Software Reporting	05-Dec-2024	Solar Panel Software displayed at January 9, 2025 meeting